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Applicants: Audy et al.

Serial No. 09/770,543

Filed: January 26, 2001

Title: DIGITAL BLANKING CIRCUIT

Examiner: P. Phu

Art Unit: 2631

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Sir:

An Office Action dated April 2, 2004 and received for the above-identified application requires the applicant to elect a single species from among three identified by the Examiner.

In response, the applicants elect Species I. The following claims read on Species I:

- claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- claims 9, 10, 11 and 12
- claims 18, 19 and 20

Respectfully submitted,

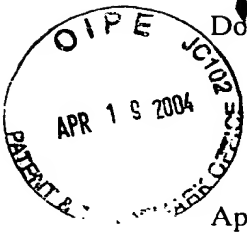
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response To Election Requirement for this application.

Applicant is a large entity.

If any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1580. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 4-19-04

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